



## CANADIAN FINALS QUALIFICATION

### How to Qualify:

- Receive an invite at designated Canadian Cheer events/Event Partners, number of invites allocated to each event is outlined below.
- Receive a Wild Card invite on March 15th, 2023 (*see Wild Card details below*)

### Designated Qualifying Events and Invite Allocation:

EVENT	# of INVITES		QUALIFYING METHOD
Big East Showdown	18		Top 4 in each level guaranteed <i>Possible additional 2 from next placing teams from discretionary level</i>
Border Showdown	18		Top 4 in each level guaranteed <i>Possible additional 2 from next placing teams from discretionary level</i>
Quebec Championship	7		Top team in each level guaranteed <i>Possible additional 3 from next placing teams from discretionary level</i>
CheerFest	3		Highest scoring teams in any level 1-4 (excluding 4.2 and level 5)
CFTC	3		Highest scoring teams in any level 1-4 (excluding 4.2 and level 5)
Ontarios	3		Highest scoring teams in any level 1-4 (excluding 4.2 and level 5)
Cold Snap	2		Highest scoring teams in any level 1-4 (excluding 4.2 and level 5)
Best of the West	1		Highest scoring teams in any level 1-4 (excluding 4.2 and level 5)
Rock the Runway	2		Highest scoring teams in any level 1-4 (excluding 4.2 and level 5)
Wildcards	3	*unused invites from Showdowns will be given out in Wildcards	Highest scoring teams in any level 1-4

### What does “Highest Scoring Teams” mean?

- Teams that have the highest score in their level will be considered.
- If levels are split across panels or separated throughout the day, judges will be consulted to directly compare the top scoring teams from each panel/session.

- If Level A has stronger scores than Level B, it is possible that multiple teams from Level A will be awarded invites (unless it is specified that each level will receive a specific number of invites such as at Showdowns).
- If Level A and Level B are adjudicated on different panels, it is possible that a team from Level A may receive an invite but have a lower score than the highest scoring team on Level B. Differentiations in top scores between panels will be considered when reasonable.

#### **Can Level 4.2 and non-Worlds Level 5 teams qualify?**

- Canadian Cheer has evaluated the participation level of teams in Level 4.2 and Level 5 from events leading up to the Wild Card invitations on March 15th, 2023. At this time there are 12 teams registered in all qualifying events that are in either Level 4.2 or non-worlds Level 5.
- A minimum of 20 unique teams in each level will be required to have participated throughout the event season for the level to be considered for inclusion in Canadian Finals (*note: Level 5 non-worlds teams are only considered, must not be vying for a bid*).
- We do not anticipate that Level 4.2 or Level 5 will be included in this year's Canadian Finals due to low participation in these levels in comparison to Levels 1-4.

#### **What does “Possible additional # from next placing teams from discretionary level” mean and how does this statement affect the qualifying process?**

- This statement means that if the strength of the teams attending the event and the level of participation at the event warrants handing out additional invites, the event may award up to the listed number of additional invites.
- Discretionary level refers to the event producer's ability to select the levels from which the invites are pulled.
  - Considerations for choosing a level include:
    - # of teams already receiving invites in that level
    - Exceptionally strong teams competing at the designated event in that level making the field of play for that level very strong
- Teams will still be selected by score, see details about “highest score” above for further information.

#### **Other Considerations for Wild Card invites:**

- Program representation
  - We strive to maintain the high standards required to participate in Canadian Finals while also recognizing the need for diverse program representation.
  - If two teams have very similar scores and skill level, the deciding factor may be the inclusion of a different program.

#### **When will invitations be announced?**

- If invites are being awarded at a specific event, the event schedule will outline when the invites are being awarded (ie which awards ceremony). Partner events may indicate the awards times differently so please check with the Event Producer.
- WildCard invitations will be awarded on the specified date via Instagram/social media

**Crossovers:**

- Athletes may only crossover 1 level up or down to any team attending Nationals and/or attending Canadian Finals
- If Level 4.2 is added, these crossover conditions will be modified for L4.2 only